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Plot against Obama?

The Denver Post
DENVER Three men were arrested on drug charges in the past two days in Aurora, Denver and Glendale—one of them carrying weapons that authorities said may have been intended for use in what one police commander called a “credible threat” against presidential candidate Barack Obama.

Authorities refused to detail the reasons they were investigating a possible plot, although law enforcement sources said the men may be part of an Aryan Nation group.

U.S. Attorney Troy Eid, who said he may have more information on Tuesday, insisted that Obama and visitors for the Democratic National Convention in Denver this week were never in danger.

“We can say this: We’re absolutely confident there is no credible threat to the candidate, the Democratic National Convention or the people of Colorado,” Eid said.

But Glendale Police Chief Victor Ross said investigation by local police and federal agents did uncover a “credible threat” against Obama.

The incident began early Sunday when a rented Dodge pickup being driven by Tharin Gartrell, 28, was pulled over in Aurora, a suburb east of Denver, for suspicion of drunken driving. Authorities saw two rifles in the truck, a high-power telescope, a bulletproof vest, a walkie talkie, several boxes of ammunition and some methamphetamine.

When police accompanied Gartrell to his hotel room in Glendale, a Denver enclave, a second man jumped from a sixth-floor window, landed on an awning four floors below and then hit the ground, breaking his ankle, Ross said.

Shawn Robert Adolf, 33, was arrested on outstanding warrants. Police also arrested a third man, Nathan Johnson, at a Denver hotel.

Ross said local authorities turned the information over to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Secret Service.

He said that during interviews the Secret Service determined there was a “credible threat” from the individuals directed toward Obama.

At an evening news briefing, Aurora Police spokesman Marcus Dudley said police were concerned about the weapons and the unexplained connections between the men.

“Behavior like this can be characterized as highly suspicious, the ammo, the weapons, clearly would give us great concern,” Dudley said.



Michelle Obama takes the stage Monday to speak during the opening night of the Democratic National Convention. AP PHOTO

Rallying the troops

Kennedy, Michelle Obama kick off Democratic convention in Denver

Associated Press
DENVER Ailing and aging, Sen. Edward Kennedy issued a ringing summons Monday night to fellow Democrats to rally behind Barack Obama’s pioneering quest for the White House in a poignant opening to a party convention in search of unity for the fall campaign.

“Barack will finally bring the change we need,” seconded Obama’s wife, Michelle, casting her husband—bidding to become the first black president—as a leader with classic American values.

HOPEFUL
Convention planners hoped the prime-time address by Obama’s wife would begin the work of casting the Illinois senator as a leader with classic American values.

She pledged he would end the war in Iraq, revise a sputtering economy and extend health care to all.

Democrats opened their four-day convention in the shadow of the Rocky Mountains as polls underscored the closeness of the race with Republican John McCain.

And there was no underestimating the challenges confronting Obama.

He faces lingering divisions from a fierce battle with Hillary Clinton for the nomination, tough ads by McCain and his Republican allies, and a reminder that racism, too, could play a role.

“There are people who are not going to vote for him because he’s black,” said James Hoffa, president of the Teamsters union. “And we’ve got to hope that we can educate people to put aside their racism and to put their own interests No. 1.” He spoke in an

Associated Press interview.

Kennedy and Obama’s wife were the bookends of an evening that left the delegates cheering.

“The work begins anew, the hope rises again and the dream lives on,” Kennedy said in a strong voice, reprising the final line of a memorable 1980 speech that brought a different convention to its feet. The senator has been undergoing treatment for a malignant brain tumor.

Obama’s wife said it was time to “stop doubting and start dreaming.”

Among them, she said: “that you work hard for what you want in life, that your word is your bond and you do what you say you’re going to do, that you treat people with dignity and respect ... even if you don’t agree with them.”

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Pets and the CTA

Do furry friends deserve a seat?

For some, seeing pets on the CTA is a sign the system has gone to the dogs.

For others, riding with furry friends is an invaluable public transit perk.

As you might expect, the two factions clash from time to time within the confines of crowded buses and trains.

But recently an all-out battle broke out in the "Going Public" inbox. It was sparked by a reader letter published in RedEye last week in which a rider railed against a fellow bus patron for occupying a seat with her pooch's carrier.

The riled rider questioned whether animals were even allowed on buses and trains. The answer is yes if they fit into a carrier that can be easily carried aboard the CTA.

Service animals also are allowed on board, according to CTA spokeswoman Sheila Gregory.

But the rider with the "pet peeve" was still puzzled as to whether the CTA prioritizes animals over humans when it comes to a precious CTA seat. Indeed, "carriers are not permitted to occupy seats or impede customer flow," according to the CTA's rules, which also state that "animals are not permitted to annoy customers."

But those who oppose pets on public transit are the ones who are annoying, according to the e-mails of some who commute with their critters, including one Edgewater rider.

"What else are we supposed to do when our pets need to see the vet?" Sandra Bloom, 26, asked in an e-mail. "Just let our pets get sick and possibly die because a few people can't stand on a bus for 20 minutes? It amazes me how incredibly selfish people can be."

A Lincoln Park pet owner strongly believes that animals should be welcome on the CTA, but that they should not occupy a seat.

"Animals are not the nuisance, people are, due to their actions, so don't blame the animals," Jordana Hart, 39, wrote.

But one Roscoe Village pet owner went so far as to question whether a fare even entitles a rider—human or otherwise—to a seat.

"Correct me if I'm wrong, but I thought the fares paid to utilize public transportation were for the ride itself, not for a seat," Lindsay Cochran, 28, wrote. "One doesn't always get a seat on CTA, though fares are always paid to ride."

She makes a good point.

How many times have you clung to handholds on buses or "L" surfed in the aisles because there wasn't a seat to spare? And of those times, how many of your seatless commutes were the fault of pets on public transit? In my case, the overwhelming cause was just plain crowded conditions, worsened by obnoxious riders seat-blocking with baggage.

It may not change your mind about pets on public transit, but it's certainly something to consider the next time you get cantankerous about a carrier.

CORRECTION

On Page 14 of Monday's edition, RedEye mistakenly reported the wrong country with the third-most gold medals. It is Russia with 23.



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extreme birth control

Some men are snipping out kids from their lives

By Alexia Elejalde-Ruiz

REDEYE

Jeremy Youngman, a 32-year-old tattoo artist in Downers Grove, likes his birth control the way he likes his body art: permanent.

At 27, Youngman got a vasectomy. Unlike the vast majority of the 500,000 men in the U.S. who get sterilized every year, Youngman was single and had no children.

To Youngman, the thought of getting a woman pregnant was “the scariest thing in the world.” He said he’s long known he doesn’t want to be a father, and he didn’t want to take any chances.

“It’s hard enough to take care of myself, let alone a kid,” Youngman said, adding he still uses condoms to protect against STDs.

Half of all pregnancies in the U.S. are unwanted or mistimed, according to the CDC. For some young men, relying on condoms or a woman’s promise that she’s on the Pill isn’t enough to protect against unwanted progeny, so they’re snipping away their pregnancy fears.

Though such cases are uncommon, the relative ease and affordability of vasectomies, plus the possibility of reversal, make them an attractive option for some men looking to keep birth control in their own hands. Barring abstinence, the only real male-controlled contraception options are condoms or vasectomies—and some young men who are convinced they don’t want children would rather get fixed than risk a rip in the rubber.

Doctors confronted with such cases tread carefully. While any man older than 18 can legally get a vasectomy, doctors can turn men down if they don’t believe them to be mature or sure enough of their future plans.

“I received a call from an 18-year-old high schooler, and that was a no-no,” said Dr. Arif Agha, owner of the Vasectomy and Reversal Center of Chicago, which is in Oak Brook.

Dr. Kiu Mostowfi, owner of Vasectomy Clinics of Chicago, said that when a 24-year-old man approached him about a vasectomy, he told him he was too young and suggested he come back in a year after he’d thought about it. When the man returned a year later and was still committed, Mostowfi agreed to perform the vasectomy.

Another of Mostowfi’s patients, Justin Holt, 27, said the doctor grilled him with “what-if”

How it works

Vasectomies work by keeping sperm from getting into semen. That involves snipping the vas deferens tubes that carry sperm.

In the no-scalpel procedure, the doctor still has to make a tiny puncture in the skin, but usually it’s so small that it doesn’t require stitches afterward (traditional vasectomies, which use a scalpel to make an incision, require stitches).

The testes continue to make sperm after the tubes are snipped, but the sperm have nowhere to go. Eventually they are just absorbed back in the body.

A man’s sexual performance isn’t affected by a vasectomy, doctors say.

questions for 40 minutes before agreeing to perform his vasectomy last month. Holt, who lives in Logan Square, said he’s sure he never wants children.

“It’s the only way to be responsible for myself and my behavior,” said Holt, who works as a data specialist for a financial firm.

While Holt said he has no regrets, the finality of the decision has been surprisingly emotional.

“Every once in a while you get this weird thought of, ‘I’m never going to be a father,’” Holt said. “It’s equal parts terrifying because you’re not like everyone else, and also because you made this extreme decision at 27.”

Doctors must give “extensive counseling” on the benefits and risks of vasectomy to ensure men know what they’re getting into, said Dr. Chris Gonzalez, a urologist at Northwestern Memorial Hospital.

The benefits: The no-scalpel procedure, introduced in the U.S. in the 1980s, typically takes about 15 minutes under local anesthesia, requires little recovery time, and the \$1,000 cost is typically covered by insurance.

The risks: The possibility of chronic pain, which occurs in one of every 500 men. And while vasectomies can be reversed, men shouldn’t count on it, doctors say. Vasectomy reversal is a complex procedure that takes three to four hours, and the \$10,000 to \$25,000 cost is typically not covered by insurance.

Plus, men don’t always get their fertility back, especially if more than 10 years pass between the vasectomy and the reversal.



Jeremy Youngman, 32, got a vasectomy when he was 27 years old. He said he’s long known he doesn’t want to be father.

BRIAN J. MOROWCZYNSKI FOR REDEYE

“We want men to look at vasectomy as a permanent solution,” Gonzalez said.

Don Anderson, a mechanical engineer who lives in Oak Park, said he thought carefully before deciding to get a vasectomy at 34, a year after he got married. He and his wife agreed they didn’t want any children, and they were tired of combining condoms and the birth control pill to ensure they didn’t get pregnant. Vasectomy was cheaper and less risky than a tubal ligation, the surgical procedure to sterilize women. Instead of buying an engagement ring, they decided to use that money to buy a red Mazda Miata (for her) and

a vasectomy (for him).

Anderson, who jokingly adopted the nickname “Johnny Vasectomyseed” because he advises others about his journey to becoming sterile, said that while his doctor didn’t give him trouble, he’s disappointed to hear of other young men who consistently get turned down for vasectomies simply because they don’t already have children.

“Somebody who’s in their 20s can easily decide to have children,” Anderson, now 42, said. “It’s ridiculous that they can’t make the decision to not have children.”

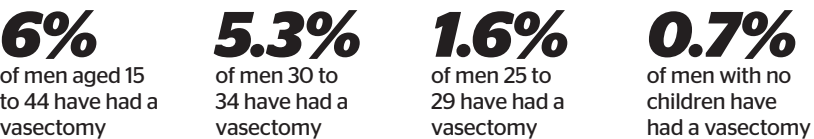
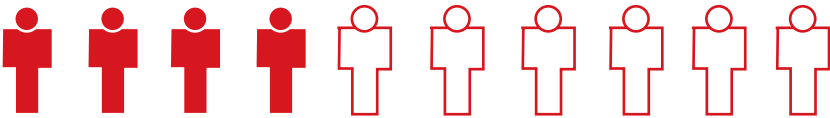
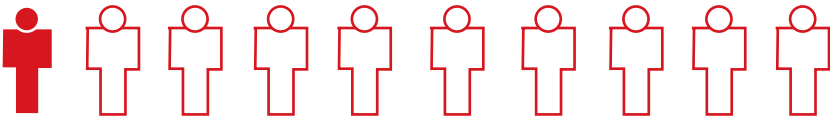
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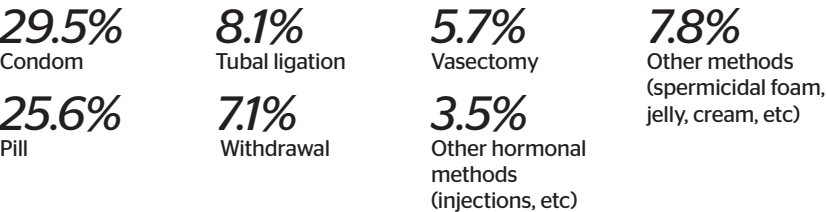
By the numbers

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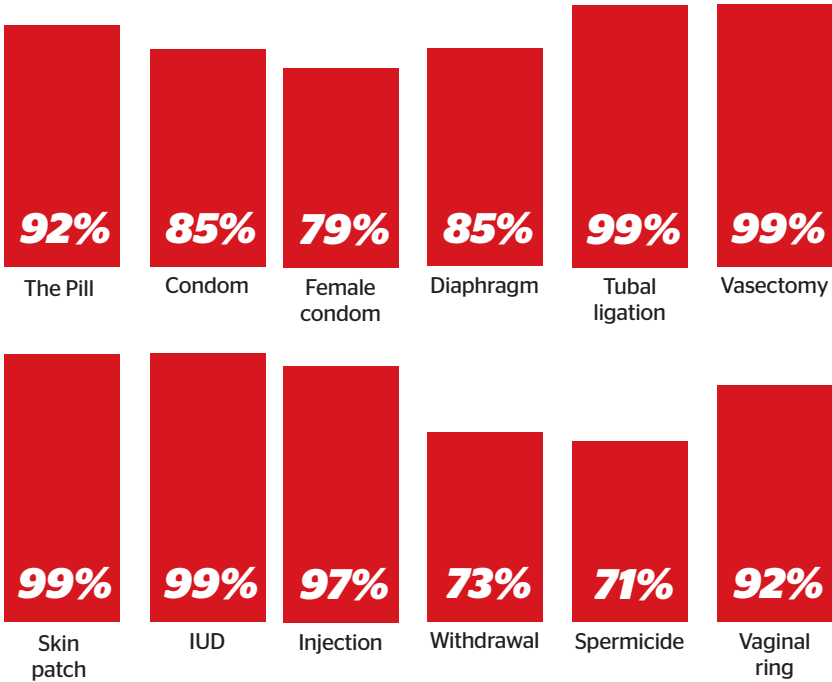
Family Growth. It wasn't until 2006 that it included men in its report. Some findings:



Types of contraception used among men who had sex in the year prior to the study:



Effectiveness of contraceptive methods in preventing pregnancy, according to the Mayo Clinic (assuming typical use):



Scientists seek new male birth control options

By Alexia Elejalde-Ruiz
REDEYE

Ever since the U.S. got hip to birth control in the 1960s, contraception for the most part has been the province of women, who have several contraceptive options available to them.

Men, meanwhile, have two good methods to choose from: condoms or vasectomies.

Over the past several years, researchers have been developing and testing other male contraception methods, including a male birth control pill. The science is progressing, but funding and interest have lagged.

Several big pharmaceutical companies have dropped their male contraception programs, citing concerns that the products in development wouldn't be convenient or acceptable to the public.

"The decision was made that they didn't want to pursue that area for a number of marketing and political issues," said Doug Colvard, associate director of CONRAD, a research agency with U.S. Agency for International Development dedicated to expanding contraception options and preventing HIV and STDs. "They can make money on a new heart or cardiovascular drug."

Market research has shown that about half of Americans would be interested in new male contraceptive methods, Colvard said.

The hormonal methods being tested include combinations of androgens (male sex hormones) and progestin (a synthetic hormone found in female birth control), which would suppress sperm production. The most promising studies and trials have shown 90 percent effectiveness, compared to 99 percent for perfect use with the female pill, Colvard said, so there is still work to be done.

"It's much easier to target one egg once a month than billions of sperm continuously," Colvard said.

Years down the line, the first methods to become available would likely be injectable hormones or implants, he said. Other delivery methods could be a gel applied to the skin or a pill taken orally.

Jenn Rogers, programs and policy director of the Reproductive Health Technology Project, an advocacy group, said the fact that some young men are turning to sterilization is evidence of a need for more male-controlled birth control option.

"We need to be more committed to equal access to birth control for men and women," Rogers said.

affect future relationships, said Dr. Laurence Levine, a urologist at Rush University Medical Center. Most vasectomy reversals are for men who get remarried and their new wives want to start a family.

Mark Witt of Park Ridge got a vasectomy because he and his wife didn't want children. But when they divorced a year later, he discovered that was a deal breaker for some women on the dating scene, said Witt, 48, who works in health-care administration.

"I've had some regret because I've lost some good women because of it," Witt said.

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G-Rod pushes own brand of ethics reform

Associated Press

Gov. Blagojevich says he's trying to clean up Illinois politics, but he won't sign the "pay-to-play" ethics bill passed earlier this year after months of wrangling.

Instead, the governor signed an executive order Monday that he says improves on the ethics bill and includes fundraising restrictions, including a ban on campaign contributions from large state contractors.

The governor said he'll use his amendatory veto to introduce further reforms to the original bill for the legislature's approval.

But critics say Blagojevich is trying to kill the bill while posturing as a reformer, and they'll fight to override the veto.

Blagojevich said the executive order, which goes into effect in January, introduces expanded reforms while ensuring that the provisions in the original bill won't get lost.

"We will have taken the bill that was sent by the legislature, and made it better, made it stronger," Blagojevich said at a news conference Monday.

The executive order prohibits campaign donations to state constitutional officers, members of the General Assembly or any candidate for those offices from people or businesses with state contracts totaling more than \$50,000.

The original bill banned those donations only to officers responsible for awarding the contract.

Blagojevich also amended the bill to ban "double dipping," or the practice of holding a state, county or municipal government job while also serving as a legislator.

He'll also require both houses to pass legislative pay raises for them to take effect.

The current system allows automatic pay raises even if one of the houses doesn't take action.

Both the House and the Senate have to approve the amendments as is for the changes to become law. If that doesn't happen, the entire bill dies.

State Rep. John Fritchey (D-Chicago), the House sponsor of the measure, and state Sen. Debbie Halvorson, the Senate sponsor, both pledged to seek an override of Blagojevich's changes as part of an agreement they struck during negotiations on the measure.

Cindi Canary, director of the Illinois Campaign for Political Reform, said the veto is a "jab in the face" of legislators and won't improve the strained relations between the governor and House Democrats.



Sidel Walker said she feared for the safety of her children after the tragedy Sunday that struck her neighbors in the 4300 block of West Gladys Avenue.

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8-YEAR-OLD SHOT ON PORCH

West Garfield Park girl 'didn't even know she was shot,' sister says

Chicago Tribune

Nicole Polk was playing on the front porch of her West Garfield Park home Sunday morning when the 8-year-old felt a sharp pain in her stomach, relatives say.

She made it to the door and knocked to be let in. It turned out she had been shot, possibly by a stray bullet, Chicago police said.

"She didn't hear anything," said Norita Polk, 22, Nicole's sister. "She didn't even know she was shot. All she kept saying was 'my stomach hurts.'"

The youngest of eight siblings, Nicole was looking forward to starting second grade next week, her sister said.

"This is unbelievable," the sister said. "Instead of getting ready for school, she's in the hospital recovering."

A spokesman for Stroger Hospital didn't return calls for comments on the child's condition, but relatives said Nicole

NO LEADS

Chicago police said they had no leads, no description of a suspect and no reports of any other shooting or violent incidents near where 8-year-old Nicole Polk was shot in West Garfield Park on Sunday. Police are asking anyone with information to come forward.

underwent surgery to remove a bullet from her stomach area and that she was stable.

On Monday, a pink-and-white Big Wheel and several small bikes sat idle outside the residence where the shooting took place in the 4300 block of West Gladys Avenue. Instead of enjoying the last few days of summer break, children peeked out a window on the first floor.

Nicole was shot at about 9:40 a.m. Sunday, police said. Paramedics were called

to the scene by relatives, and when they arrived, Nicole walked out to the ambulance, her older sister said.

"She's a strong girl," she said.

Before the shooting, Nicole's relatives said they heard a noise similar to firecrackers popping. They also said they did not hear any cars speeding from the scene or see any fleeing assailants.

Nicole's family moved into the building about a year ago but had lived in the neighborhood for the past 14 years, her sister said.

Neighbors said the community has had a rash of shootings this summer, but their block was fairly quiet. Some suggested the bullet came from an altercation on an adjacent street.

"I'm kind of scared to let my kids play in the front," said Sidel Walker, 21, who lives upstairs from the shooting. "Who would do this to a little girl?"



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Car hits library

A car ran into the Bucktown-Wicker Park branch of the Chicago Public Library early Monday and knocked bricks off the building, officials said. The library, 1701 N. Milwaukee Ave., was open Monday morning. Boards covered the vestibule on the west side of the building that was damaged after a car ran over the sidewalk and slammed into the library, said Ruth Lednicer, a library spokeswoman. No one was injured, officials said.

Most-wanted fugitive caught

A fugitive on the U.S. Marshals Service's 15 most-wanted list was arrested late Sunday in Chicago after federal agents learned that the Mississippi man was in the area. Elliott Evan Stamps, 38, was accused of a brutal attack on a 55-year-old woman in Jackson, Miss., last year. Stamps was arrested in the 1300 block of West 72nd Place, marshals officials said.

\$40,000 reward for 'Time Bandit'

The FBI has raised the reward to \$40,000 for information leading to the arrest of the "Time Bandit" bank robber, wanted in connection with at least 11 bank heists since 2005. The robber's moniker comes from his method of escape—asking employees to count to 300 before calling for help, the FBI said. He's described as 35 to 45 years old, thin build, brown hair and blue or green eyes. If you have information, call the FBI at 312-421-6700.

Yellow Line meeting

The CTA will hold a public meeting Tuesday to outline possible alternatives for extending the Yellow Line following a study that considered the area bordered by Old Orchard Road, Skokie Boulevard, Dempster Street and Central Avenue/Harms Road. The meeting will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. at National-Louis University's North Shore Campus, 5202 Old Orchard Rd., 3rd floor, Skokie. Call 847-836-7000.

Ambitious project could help schools

A Democratic state senator and a former Republican candidate for governor on Monday proposed a three-year, \$40 million pilot project aimed at proving that better funding and resources would give low-performing schools a lift.

The proposal could lay the groundwork for the long-sought statewide overhaul of public school funding, possibly including a tax increase, once the 2010 race for governor is over.

Sen. James Meeks (D-Chicago), who outlined the proposal with GOP businessman Ron Gidwitz in a meeting with the Tribune editorial board, also tied the proposal to his call for Chicago Public Schools students to boycott their first day of

DETAILING THE PLAN

Sen. James Meeks and Ron Gidwitz, a former chairman of the State Board of Education who lost in the 2006 GOP primary for governor, said their plan would set up four clusters of schools—two in Chicago, one in the suburbs and one Downstate—to examine curriculum, discipline, student progress and grading policies. Clusters could have several schools or districts.

classes Sept. 2.

Meeks said he will rescind his boycott plan if three fellow Chicago Democrats, Gov. Blagojevich, Senate President Emil Jones and

House Speaker Michael Madigan, would publicly back the pilot proposal.

A minister at a huge South Side church, Meeks is threatening to bus Chicago students to the northern suburbs Sept. 2 to attempt to register them in New Trier Township High School District 203 and Sunset Ridge School District 29 in Northfield. He said the protest will draw attention to the disparity between rich and poor school districts.

Meeks, who has pushed for a school-funding plan that would raise income taxes and lower property taxes, said the plan would show business leaders and state lawmakers that putting more money into schools is a good investment.

A welcomed gift



Robert Kayiwa, 17, and Abraham Asimwe, 15 (rear), members of an Ugandan children's choir, received some good news Monday. After the choir's van was broken into Sunday, Timothy Rand, president of Midway Airport Concessions, donated \$10,000 to help the kids replace the laptops and video equipment that was stolen. **TOM VAN DYKE/TRIBUNE**

Guardian watches over every foster child in state

The state's 16,000 foster children, she likes to say, are hers. And, by law, they are.

For 12 years, D. Jean Ortega-Piron's name has appeared on every Juvenile Court order as the legal guardian of all minors in the custody of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. She handles the most vital decisions in their lives.

Child welfare systems across the nation allocate such important authority to a judge or com-

mittee, experts say. But in Illinois, since 1996, that responsibility has ultimately rested on the shoulders of Ortega-Piron.

Ortega-Piron's ability to withhold consent for any decision concerning her charges makes her the most powerful Illinois child welfare authority no one has ever heard of. Because she is the only such official in the country, she also could be considered among public officials with the most jurisdiction over children nationwide.

Fans green over Jonas concert

OMG! Don't throw away my Jonas Brothers poster

Hundreds of teenage and tweener girls were left disappointed after posters they had labored over for a Jonas Brothers "green" concert contest ended up in the trash before the sold-out show Sunday night in Tinley Park.

The Jonases have teamed up with Chevy for a Green Team Jonas promotion with a lucrative prize: meeting Disney heartthrobs Nick, Joe and Kevin. The theme of the poster contest was about having fun and thinking green. So-called "Chevy Spotters" were to be in the First Midwest Bank Amphitheatre parking lots looking for possible winners.

But many of the posters covered with glitter glue and puffy paint were thrown in the trash, likely destined to end up in landfills, because there were too many to be judged outside and the posters weren't allowed in the venue. Ticket takers said the posters were banned because they could obstruct fans' views.

One worker said the posters would be given to the Jonases later. But that did little to ease the disappointment of young fans seen dejectedly throwing their posters into huge garbage bins before the show.

Lauren Adrian, 13, made a poster and took it to the show Sunday.

"We got there at 4:30, because that's what the rules said to do," she said. "Then we waited in this really long line. But there were just way too many people, so they said the poster contest was closed. I saw some kids crying. But it was still fun to make the poster anyway."

A Jonas Brothers spokesman, who asked not to be named, said that because of the overwhelming number of entries for the show's contest, not every poster could be judged. But the Jonas Brothers did meet with a winner before the concert, he said.

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Dude, where's my cafeteria tray? Gone.

unhealthy pounds often gained in college.

Convincing the central West Virginia school's nearly 1,400 students, however, could take time.

"I think that's kind of ridiculous," said freshman Rebecca Riffle, who used a legal-size notebook to help carry her plate to a table. "Whenever there's a bunch of people here at one time, it gets crazy. You have people bumping into you, so if you're balancing stuff, you're going to end up dropping something or breaking something."

have shed their cafeteria trays.

In drought-stricken Georgia and North Carolina, the goal is to conserve water by lightening the load on dishwashers. Other schools are trying to cut down on wasted food and conserve energy. Proponents, including major food vendors, say it also reduces the use of water-polluting detergents.

But no trays?

Advocates of the trayless cafeterias say if students can't pile on the food, they might consume fewer calories and keep off those

7 **GLENVILLE, W.Va.** Crammed on middle linebacker Derek Walker's plate are beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, spinach and a roll.

In the other hand, he balances a salad and a bottle of hot sauce. He lumbers through the small, table-filled cafeteria and plunks down without spilling a drop.

All without a tray.

"You've just got to do with what you have," Walker said.

Glenville State has joined an increasing number of colleges and universities that

His own closing ceremonies



8 **BEIJING** Someone give this guy a gold medal for best nap. A worker at the Bird's Nest stadium rests on Monday, a day after the Olympics' closing ceremonies. **AP**

Tiger roars into Dubai

9 Tiger Woods is already the world's top-ranked golfer and highest-paid athlete. And if all goes according to plan, he'll soon be sporting his biggest trophy yet: a luxury golf course hewn from the sands of the Arabian desert in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. A closer look at the ambitious Tiger-designed project:

\$1.09 billion

Amount a Dubai developer is spending on the course and surrounding housing development.

197: Number of so-called palaces, mansions and villas that will flank the course.

100: Temperature on Monday. Perfect golf weather.



Tiger Woods with project CEO Khalid Al Malik (left) and director Abdulla Al Gurg. **AP PHOTO**

1 The face of beauty

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GETTY IMAGES

2 Gay challenge

A proposal aimed at effectively banning gays and lesbians from becoming foster or adoptive parents was cleared Monday to appear on this fall's ballot in Arkansas.

3 Courthouse reopens

Washington, D.C.'s federal courthouse has reopened after it was evacuated because of a leaking battery. The battery created a sulfuric stench throughout the building on Monday. Nobody was injured.

4 8 inmates escape

Eight inmates, including a convicted murderer and another man charged with murder, escaped from a county jail in Clovis, N.M., by cutting a hole in the roof, authorities said Monday.

5 Gustav churns

Haitians were told to prepare for evacuations as Tropical Storm Gustav formed quickly in the Caribbean on Monday on a path to hit the country as a full hurricane Tuesday morning before moving on to Cuba, the Bahamas and Florida.

6 Iraq clash

Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki said Monday there would be no security agreement between the U.S. and Iraq without an unconditional timetable for withdrawal—a direct challenge to the Bush administration, which insists that the timing for troop departure would be based on conditions on the ground.





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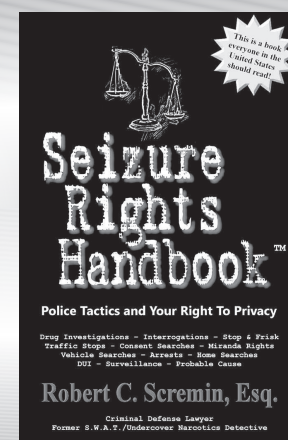
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GAME 2: WHITE SOX 4, ORIOLES 3

One for the history books

Thome's 535th homer gives White Sox 'split'

Chicago Tribune

BALTIMORE Jim Thome made history Monday night, and Alexei Ramirez strengthened his case for the future.

Those contributions alleviated the sting of losing the completion of their April 28 suspended game, as the White Sox and Baltimore won their games by 4-3 scores.

Thome moved into sole possession of 15th place on the all-time home-run list by launching his 535th homer in the sixth inning off left-hander Chris Waters that snapped a 3-3 tie in Game 2.

"Very special," Thome described the significance of hitting a game-winning homer and passing Jimmie Foxx. He trails Mickey Mantle by one home run. "Any time you tie or move ahead of the greats in the game, it's very humbling."

Thome's blast also enabled the Sox to remain a half-game ahead of Minnesota heading into the Twins' late game at Seattle. "Anytime you got a team like Minnesota that's right there [and] we're getting close to September, that kind of enhances it," he said.

Ramirez, giving Orlando Cabrera a break



White Sox's Jim Thome (left) and Carlos Quentin celebrate their 4-3 win over the Baltimore Orioles on Monday. Thome hit his 535th home run. AP PHOTO

at the leadoff spot and at shortstop, equaled his career high with four hits, and he scored two of the Sox's four runs. Ramirez could take over the shortstop position next season if Cabrera leaves for free agency.

"Maybe in the future, yes," manager Ozzie Guillen said of the leadoff spot in Ramirez's future. "Right now, I don't want to rush him and push him into something you have to get used to. He's an RBI guy too. This guy can give you a big hit, a big home run. And to have him in the front, we need some help down at the bottom [of the order] too." AP CONTRIBUTED.



SOX HITS

3B Joe Crede rejoined the White Sox on Monday and emphasized he needed up

to five weeks to ensure his full recovery from a sore back. "There was nothing going on there, other than we had a problem and got it fixed and we move on from here," Crede said. He can be a free agent after the season.

➤ Bobby Jenks worked the ninth for his 26th save. AP

GAME 1: ORIOLES 4, WHITE SOX 3 (14 INNINGS)

Sox start day with loss in Baltimore

Associated Press

BALTIMORE Down by a run in the 14th inning, White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen called for a bunt to put the tying run in scoring position.

Strange thing was, the White Sox were playing the role of the home team in Baltimore.

Lou Montanez singled in the tiebreaking run in the top of the 14th, and Baltimore beat Chicago 4-3 on Monday night in the

conclusion of a game suspended after 11 innings by rain on April 28.

With the score 3-all in the finale of a four-game series in Chicago, play was stopped with the infield unplayable. It was the Orioles' final scheduled visit, so baseball officials ruled that the game would be completed in Baltimore.

After the Orioles scored in the 14th, Paul Konerko drew a leadoff walk from Rocky Cherry and A.J. Pierzynski struck out after

trying to lay down a sacrifice.

The White Sox loaded the bases with two outs in the 14th after Orioles manager Dave Trembley ordered an intentional walk to pinch-hitter Ken Griffey Jr., even though it put the potential winning run in scoring position.

"The guy's going into the Hall of Fame," Trembley reasoned.

The strategy paid off when pinch-hitter Jermaine Dye popped out.



Orioles center fielder Jay Payton catches a long fly ball hit by the Sox's Juan Uribe in the fifth inning on Monday. AP PHOTO





CUBS 12, PIRATES 3



The Cubs' Aramis Ramirez (left) is greeted Monday by Derrek Lee (right) after hitting a three-run home run in the third inning. **AP PHOTO**

Now THAT'S more like it, Fukudome

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH Aramis Ramirez homered and drove in three runs, and the Cubs won their third in a row to retain the majors' best record, beating the Pittsburgh Pirates 12-3 on Monday night. Two Cubs hitters who were slumping, Jim Edmonds and Kosuke Fukudome, also had big games as the Cubs improved to 81-50—the first time they've been 31 games above .500 since they ended the 1984 season with a 96-65 record.

The Cubs lead the Milwaukee Brewers by five games in the NL Central.

Fukudome, hitting .161 in August when the game began, drove in four runs with a sacrifice fly, a two-run single during a five-run fifth inning that made it 10-1 and an RBI double. He has six RBIs in five at-bats during his last two games. Edmonds had three extra-base hits, a triple and two doubles, after being 0-for-17 over his previous seven games.

Edmonds hit his second triple of the season and scored on Fukudome's sacrifice fly in the second against Jeff Karstens (2-3), who was pulled after allowing five



CUBS HITS

The Cubs are one of the majors' top draws—except in Pittsburgh. The crowd was announced at 14,454.

» Chicago has won 15 of its last 19 against Pittsburgh. **AP**

runs and six hits over three innings.

Ramirez's three-run homer in the third was his 23rd and put the Cubs ahead 5-0. Fukudome's two-run single came during a five-run fifth against reliever Jason Davis.

The Cubs, winners of 23 of 31, didn't need nearly that much offense to back Ted Lilly's seven effective innings. The left-hander gave up homers to Brandon Moss and Adam LaRoche but still dealt the Pirates their fifth consecutive loss and ninth in 11 games.

Lilly (13-7) struck out seven and walked one in the Cubs' 11th victory in their last 12 road games. They are 12-4 against the Pirates, who dropped into a tie with idle Cincinnati for the worst record in the NL Central.

1 Sound familiar?

The offensive line is less stable than a Jenga stack, the defense is Swiss cheese, and I don't care what the Bears say, their quarterback situation is a potential powder keg. But no matter what happens, "Lovie Smith is our head coach."



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2 I needed that, Barry

Barry Bonds asked a federal judge Monday to toss out most of the government's perjury case. Wait for it ... HAHAAHAHA! (Whew!)

3 How soon we forget

Rafael Nadal started the U.S. Open for the first time No. 1 in the world, the spot that used to belong to ... oh, what's his name?

4 With a nod to Christian Okoye

The Blackhawks signed Akim Aliu, a native of Nigeria who played for the Ontario Hockey League's London Knights. If he's any good, do I get to call him the Nigerian Nightmare?

5 Inflammation explanation

Hey, everybody, Joe Crede's back! Ooooooh, I said "back." Too soon?

6 Looted

The Cubs destroyed the Pirates on Monday. Not as much as their own front office has, but still.

7 Uh, literally

Let me get this straight: One of his countrymen kicks an Olympic tae kwon do judge in the face and Fidel Castro's OK with it. Well ain't that a kick in the head.

8 Swim fan

How long before Michael Phelps is making uncomfortable guest appearances in a "Saturday Night Live" skit or David Letterman's Top Ten list? Welcome to fame, kid. Right here is where you pay ... in bad jokes.

9 Speaking of ...

... swimming events in the Olympics, where the heck was the DOGGY PADDLE?

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» Michael Phelps (left) as Aquaman, unemployed superhero
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1 Rex Grossman says he'll "just have to deal" with being No. 2. How will he cope?	Making the voodoo doll was easy with the neckbeard hair lying around the locker room.	By starting a "When Will Kyle Orton Get Injured" pool in the Bears locker room.	He'll begin referring to himself as a silver medalist.	Share his sob stories with the local bartender, Craig Krenzel.	He'll probably feel flush.
2 How did you welcome back Joe Crede?	I stole the 2004-2006 AL Gold Gloves from Eric Chavez and gave them to Crede.	With a very, very, very gentle high-five.	By clearing off the sidewalk with my rendition of "Don't Stop Believin'."	In honor of his position, Jimmy let him get to third base.	Crede-style: A clutch performance under pressure.
3 The Giants are trying to coax Michael Strahan out of retirement. Help them out.	Why? I freaking hate the Giants.	I have \$10 million in one hand. You have two guesses to pick which hand it's in.	Look, taking a beating from a tackle is actually less painful than listening to the Fox crew.	Let's see, pain every week or Fox co-host Terry Bradshaw. Lesser of two evils.	No way—Strahan can't fill a void.
4 College and pro football are coming up. What's on your tailgating menu?	Grilled beets and eggplant. That way people will leave me alone.	Bagel and lox with chive cheese. Delicious and cleans up well.	Cream cheese poppers. The jalapeno kind of just gets in the way.	Bratwurst's off the menu because That Guy specifically requested no sausage parties.	Like most tailgates, I can't remember.
5 Why did Fidel Castro condone a tae kwon do athlete kicking a judge?	At this point, is PR really of any concern to Fidel Castro?	The same reason he's kept millions in bondage for 5 decades. He's a jackass.	Because he took a long look at himself and wondered, "What would Chuck Norris do?"	You think a man who's worn military fatigues for 5 decades might be a tad belligerent?	Cuba follows martial law: Kicks before bricks.

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With nine games remaining in the season, the Sky (8-17) has the second-worst record in the league, ahead of only the Atlanta Dream. The Sky sits 7 1/2 games out of first place in the Eastern Conference and 3 1/2 games behind fourth-place Indiana, which would be the final team from the conference to make the playoffs if the season ended today.

>> The Sky play in New York on Thursday night.

>> Olympian Sylvia Fowles, obviously, has recovered from her knee injury. G Dominique Canty also is expected to return Thursday from a knee injury.



The Blackhawks say they've signed right wing Akim Aliu to a three-year contract. Financial terms of Monday's deal were not disclosed. The 19-year-old native of Okene, Nigeria, was the Blackhawks' third choice, 56th overall, in the 2007 NHL Entry Draft.

AT THE BUZZER

Castro defends kick

On Monday, 82-year-old ex-president Fidel Castro defended the Cuban tae kwon do athlete who kicked a referee in the face at the Beijing Olympics, saying Angel Matos was rightfully indignant over his disqualification from the bronze-medal match.

Tae kwon do officials want Matos and coach Leudis Gonzales banned for life from the sport. But Castro expressed "our total solidarity" for both of them.

Matos was winning 3-2 when he fell to the mat after being hit by his Kazakhstan opponent, and he was disqualified for taking too much injury time.

Matos angrily questioned the call, pushed a judge and then kicked the referee from Sweden, who needed stitches to repair his lip. Matos then spat on the floor and was escorted out.

Matos' coach claimed the match was fixed. Castro said the alleged bribery attempt gave Matos good reason to expect the judges to treat him unfairly.

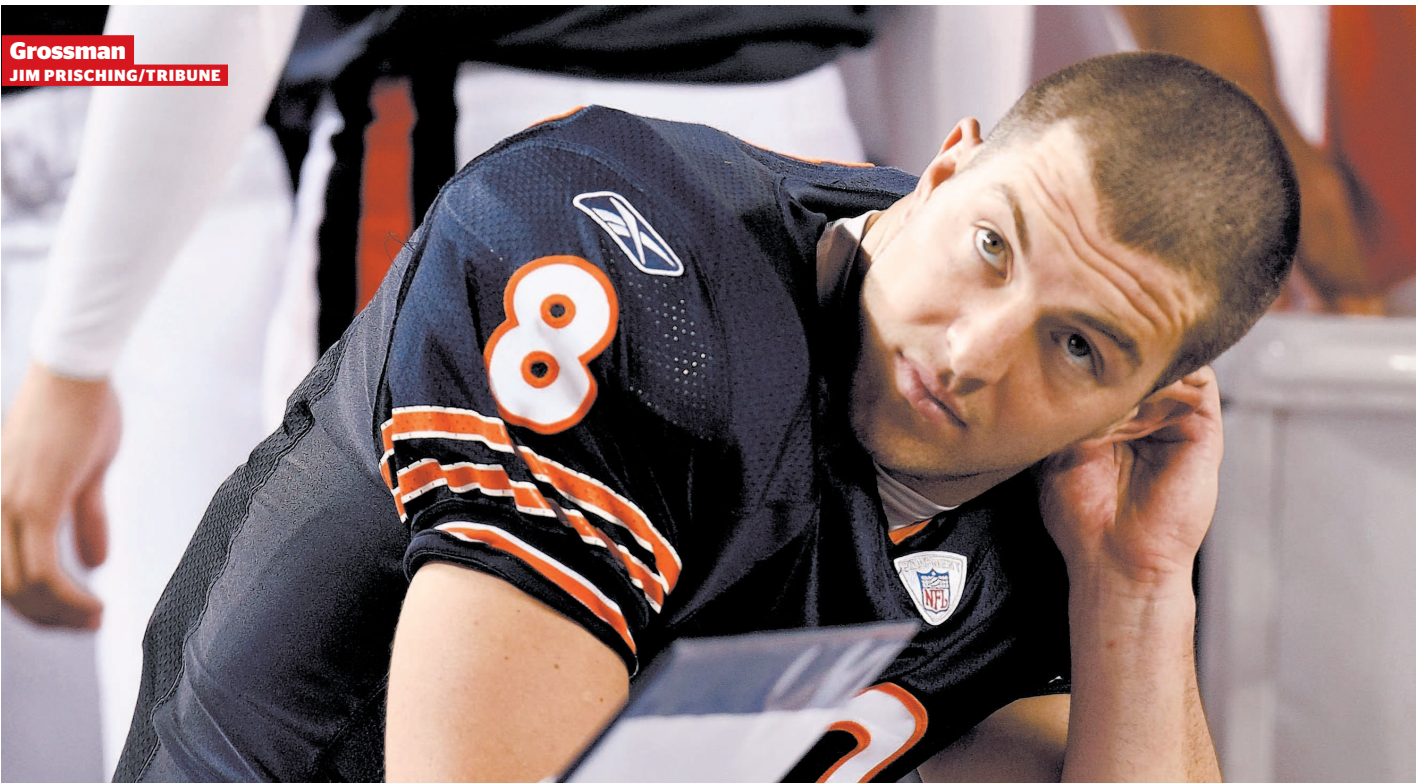
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Nadal starts strong

NEW YORK Olympic champions Rafael Nadal and Elena Dementieva showed their mettle at the U.S. Open, overcoming early challenges to win on Monday.

Negro Leagues CD

Kanye West, Akon and T-Pain are among performers on a compilation CD being released Oct. 21 to benefit the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum in Kansas City. The CD, titled "True to the Game," is the first of three that will be made to benefit the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum.



Grossman
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I'll never get over it

Ex-starter Grossman having trouble with being backup

Rex Grossman vowed to be ready and expressed no regrets about re-signing with the Bears, but he also made one thing clear about his new role.

"I'll never fully get over it," he said. "And I don't think anyone would expect me to."

Although he didn't lash out at coach Lovie Smith for making Kyle Orton the starting quarterback last week, Grossman acknowledged he's having trouble accepting being a backup. He was "a little surprised" by the announcement and still sees himself as a starter.

"But I had some time to digest it and I'll be ready to go," Grossman said Monday in his first public comments since Smith announced his decision last week.

The Bears made it clear there were no guarantees when they re-signed Grossman for just one season while giving Orton a one-year extension through 2009. The two began competing for the job during minicamp in May and workouts in June.

Smith declared Orton the winner on Aug. 25, and the fourth-year pro from Purdue eased some concerns against San Francisco on Thursday. He threw for 147 yards, two touchdowns and no interceptions.

Grossman?

He struggled, going 1-for-4 for 6 yards, and got booed by the home crowd. Again.

"I haven't worried about that because I don't control that," Grossman said. "I feel like I've done a lot for this team over the last five years. I've had

HE SAID, HE SAID

"It's something I have to deal with right now, but I'm going to make sure I do whatever I need to do ... to make sure I'm a great player in this league."

REX GROSSMAN

Bears quarterback on being a backup

"He talked to you all today, so that says a lot. You do need a little time when a decision like that is made. But Rex is a team player. He's a professional. He has a job. He's a big part of what we like to do. We have a lot of players in the role that Rex is in right now."

LOVIE SMITH

The Bears coach on Grossman being mentally ready to take over the team, if needed

some unfortunate things happen to me and some bad games, but for the most part, I feel like I've been a pretty good contributor to this organization.

"We've won a lot of games when I've played. I'm proud of a lot of things I've done, and I'm not paying attention to anyone—or anything—that will try to tell me otherwise."

BEARS HITS

>> Injured LT Chris Williams had little to say after causing a stir Sunday when he said the Bears knew of a pre-existing herniated disc in his lower back when they drafted him in April. "I'm not talking about medical stuff anymore," said Williams, who had surgery recently. "It's just a waste of time."

>> Several Bears players who were enthralled with the Olympics wondered who might be the fastest Bear. "Everybody would probably say Devin Hester, and I wouldn't bet against him," CB Nathan Vasher said. "Danieal Manning is another one. I would pay money to see those guys race."

>> Disgruntled CB Ricky Manning Jr. is expected to be released as Saturday's 53-man roster deadline approaches. According to an NFL source, the Bears did shop Manning Jr. but found no takers.

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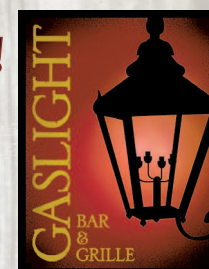
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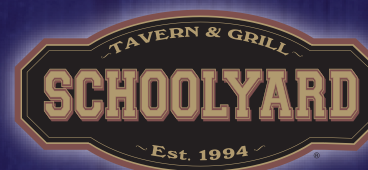
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Plasmas, pigskins & pints

5 bars that'll tackle your college football needs

By Erin J. Shea

Time to pull out that ratty old sweatshirt and put your kidneys on call for Saturday afternoons. College football season kicks off this weekend. Here are five spots to catch the action.



Four flat screens plus plenty o' beer equals a top-notch setting at Grand River for college football-watching fun. CHUAN D. VO FOR METROMIX



Former Illini
Rashard Mendenhall
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The Pony

1638 W. Belmont Ave.
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Why: All TVs, all the time. In the few months since The Pony opened its doors, it has become as well known for its copious flat screens (on the walls, at the tables, we're waiting for them to pop up in the bathroom stalls at this rate) as it is for the beautiful people teeming from the doors.

Deals: Take care of the end results of Friday night's debauchery with The Pony's Breakfast Stack, a biscuit, sausage, egg, hash browns and gravy-topped treat. Wash it all down with \$10 domestic pitchers.

Affiliations: Illinois, Texas A&M, Kentucky

Crowd: Packed and more packed

Non-football bonus: Gorgeous interior. Wood paneling and the long copper bar mix West Loop cocktail lounge with Lakeview sports bar.

Grand River

3032 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-281-9900

Why: Along with four, big ol' flat-screen TVs, this new spot in the old Lennox Lounge location boasts comfortable seating—the kind of big, cushy booths that easily fit a gaggle of people.

Deal: \$10 Miller Lite pitchers

Affiliations: Michigan State

Crowd: The booths aren't plentiful, so if you want the comfy seating, get there early.

Non-football bonus: Butter burgers. The menu offers 11 different varieties of the signature eats, and we see "crispy bacon" making an appearance on about half.

Addiction Sports Bar and Grill

1023 W. Lake St. 312-421-8845

Why: Because not everyone in the West Loop likes his or her nightlife to include shiny shirts and art galleries. A respite in a 'hood overflowing with high-priced cocktails, Addiction has an abundant amount of flat screens on the walls and plenty of seating in a relaxed atmosphere.

Deal: \$3.50 burritos, \$3.50 Coronas, \$2 PBR bottles and \$3 shots

Affiliations: Northwestern and Illinois

Crowd: Plenty of space to relax and watch the game

Non-football bonus: A second-floor Wii lounge is scheduled to open in the next couple weeks.

Stretch Run

544 N. La Salle St. 312-644-4477

Why: While this bar has its roots in horse racing, it'll be tuning most of its 200 TVs to college football on Saturdays.

Deals: \$10 Miller Lite pitchers, \$4 Bacardi Bombs

Affiliations: With hundreds of TVs and two floors, pretty much every team will be represented here.

Crowd: Not so busy where you need a reservation to secure a seat, but lively enough to enjoy a party atmosphere in River North.

Non-football bonus: There's always the ponies to get acquainted with. Plus, there's barely a spot in the restaurant where you can't place a bet if you're itching to wager on a horse race.

Bad Dog Tavern

4535 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-334-4040

Why: The requisite plasma screens are represented here—14 in all—but our favorite standout at this Lincoln Square spot is Bad Dog's Hall of Fame, where customers bring in framed pictures of their pooches for hanging in the bar.

Deals: \$5 mimosas, strawmosa or mangomosas

Affiliations: Tennessee

Crowd: Remains to be seen as the tavern is under new ownership. Parking is a bit of a toughie.

Non-football bonus: The Bad Dog Brunch includes appearances from the Old Town School of Folk Music every Sunday.

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Witty wordist

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Los Angeles Times

After two years of work, the members of Metallica are ready for the Sept. 12 release of their latest album, "Death Magnetic."

"I'm one day from disowning the record," drummer Lars Ulrich said recently. "In the morning I can talk about it as part of my past. For months people have been asking me what the new record is like. I've told them, 'I don't know, I'm too close to it.' As of tomorrow maybe I can start answering."

Everyone in Metallica's circle is giddy with the new album which, under the guidance of producer Rick Rubin, is a return to the thunderous menace of the band's 1980s work. Bassist Rob Trujillo came the closest to bragging: "I will say this: Our contribution to popular culture this time around is a very, very strong one."

The album, their first in five years, is one of the major releases of 2008, but the ques-

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Number of Metallica albums that have been shipped to U.S. stores, more than U2, Celine Dion or Fleetwood Mac and just 3 million shy of Michael Jackson's career total.

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tion of where Metallica fits in contemporary pop culture is slippery. The band is a proud 20th Century beast in sound and heart, but the real issue is whether Metallica, the hardest metal band of its generation, has shown too much of a soft side.

The 2004 documentary "Metallica: Some Kind of Monster" started as a "making of the album" feature about the 2003 collection "St. Anger." It ended up a therapy session as the band, shaken by lead singer

James Hetfield's entry into rehab, worked with controversial therapist Phil Towle.

Longtime Metallica fans were aghast about "Monster." The world's greatest fire-breathing metal monster was revealing its own fears? Who wants a sensitive Metallica?

"I know, I know, people called it 'Some Kind of Whiners,'" said guitarist Kirk Hammett. "Look, I can't watch it. I don't even talk about it. It brings me back to that time, and it wasn't a good time for me. And I never wanted that ... movie to come out in the first place. I feel like it's an albatross around our neck. I hope this new album will come out and make it clear that we've moved on. We're much more unified and mature."

The band clearly is itching to hit the road and play the new songs.

"Oh, yeah," Hetfield said, "I cannot wait!"

SNAP JUDGMENTS



The Game "LAX"

What makes The Game so entertaining is that his work is always just a little

off, sorta slightly ill-advised. In other words, real. He's not afraid to put his influences out there—sometimes a little too directly, as he gives props to N.W.A. in "State of Emergency" or in his flurry of shout-outs to LeBron James and all things Cali. He's also not afraid to take some risks in his rhymes. "He's leaking like a project sink, busted open like a hot dog link," he spits in "Bulletproof Diaries" with Raekwon. The risk-taking makes "LAX" uneven. But it does allow for some grand moments, in the chilled-out "Let Us Live" with Patchogue's Chrisette Michelle and in the fanboy celebration "Game's Pain" with Keyshia Cole. And when The Game is on, he proves himself to be one of hip-hop's best. **GLENN GAMBOA, NEWSDAY**



Matthew Sweet "Sunshine Lies"

On 1991's "Girlfriend," his career-making masterpiece, Sweet

effortlessly mixed crunchy power pop, bitter ballads and brilliant lead guitar work from Television's Richard Lloyd and Lou Reed sideman Robert Quine. "Sunshine Lies" seems a self-conscious attempt to recapture that golden era, with the return for two tracks each of Lloyd and of Ivan Julian, who worked with Sweet in the mid-90s. It's a mixed bag: for each rocker that takes flight ("Flying"), two are leaden ("Sunrise Eyes," "Burn Through Love").

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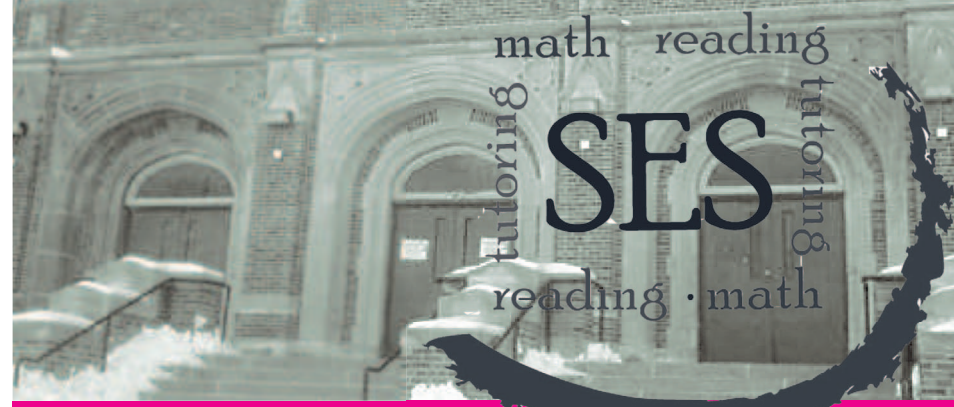
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New 'Idol' judge won't back down from Simon Cowell

By Curt Wagner

REDEYE

"American Idol" added a fourth judge on Monday, and this judge isn't anticipating any trouble from cranky Simon Cowell.

"I'm just going to speak to Simon the way I speak to everybody," songwriter and producer Kara DioGuardi told RedEye. "I'm just going to have my opinion, be honest and I don't foresee any problems. I'm really excited about this, and up for the challenge."

Fox announced Monday that DioGuardi will join Cowell, Paula Abdul and Randy Jackson for the show's eighth season, which begins in January. Actually, DioGuardi's first day on the job is Tuesday, when she's expected to join the panel for auditions in New York.

"Tomorrow's like the first day of preschool for me," she said during a call with reporters Monday. "All I know is I'm on the judging panel and I'm supposed to have my makeup done by 11 tomorrow."

Adding DioGuardi to the mix could be the first of several changes to "Idol" that Fox promised in May after a dip in ratings.

"We know she will bring a new level of energy and excitement to the show," said creator and executive producer Simon Fuller in a statement.

DioGuardi has penned songs recorded by the likes of Christina Aguilera, Faith Hill, Pink and Celine Dion. She also has worked with former "Idol" contestants, including Kelly Clarkson, David Cook and David Archuleta.

The Grammy-winning songwriter said her experience writing songs for and with artists will help when evaluating performances.

"Being able to watch somebody sing and evaluate them is sort of what I do every day," she said, adding that she'll not only judge the contestants' singing, but "make sure that what they're singing and how they're singing [it] feels true to them, and is artistry and not just karaoke."

As far as Cowell's infamous harshness goes, DioGuardi said she thinks he's "pretty spot-on most of the time." She plans to bring her own style to judging, however.

"I'm just somebody who's really honest and gives my opinion," she said. "And if I feel I need to be hard with someone to get that across, I will be. And if I feel I need to be softer and more nurturing with some of the contestants, I'll be that."

She hopes to find The Next Big Thing.

"What makes an artist is somebody who's unique," she said. "That when their song comes on the radio, I know exactly who it is."

WHO IS KARA DIOGUARDI?

Here are some songs the new "Idol" judge has contributed to pop music as a songwriter. No judgments ... really.

- >> "Confessions of a Broken Heart"—Lindsay Lohan
- >> "Pieces of Me"—Ashlee Simpson
- >> "Beep"—Pussycat Dolls
- >> "Cry Baby Cry"—Santana
- >> "Dignity"—Hilary Duff
- >> "I'm the One"—Cheetah Girls
- >> "Play My Music"—Jonas Brothers
- >> "Rich Girl"—Gwen Stefani



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1. Britney Spears
2. Avril Lavigne
3. Kylie Minogue
4. Kelly Clarkson

Reality remixed

'Idol' adds another judge while 'Dancing' unveils its celebrity lineup

RedEye

ABC announced the cast for the upcoming seventh season of "Dancing with the Stars" on Monday. Cast members include two Olympians, a celebutante, another former member of 'Nsync, plus the oldest and youngest stars ever on the show. The new season premieres Sept. 22. Here's a look at the 13 contestants, and how RedEye thinks they will fare:

Lance Bass

Claim to fame: Part of 'Nsync; trained as cosmonaut; wrote his memoir

Partner: Newcomer Lacey Schwimmer

Outlook: If Joey Fatone can go far on "Dancing," the slightly more svelte Bass should be able to bring it.



Brooke Burke (right)

Claim to fame: TV host, actress and entrepreneur

Partner: Derek Hough

Outlook: Well ... she looks good.

Rocco DiSpirito

Claim to fame: Celebrity chef

Partner: Karina Smirnoff

Outlook: He had two left feet in his last reality series outing, the failed "The Restaurant."



Maurice Greene

Claim to fame: Gold medal-winning sprinter in the 2000 Sydney Olympics

Partner: Two-time champ Cheryl Burke

Outlook: With his speed, agility and strength, he could be the next Apolo Anton Ohno.

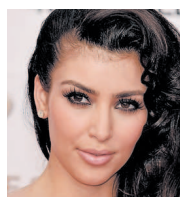


Kim Kardashian

Claim to fame: Celebutante and star of "Keeping Up with the Kardashians"

Partner: Defending champ Mark Ballas

Outlook: Like many reality stars, she keeps going and going and ...



Cloris Leachman

Claim to fame: Emmy and Oscar winner

Partner: New dancer Corky Ballas

Outlook: The oldest contestant at 82, Leachman was hilarious on the celebrity roast of Bob Saget, but she had to be helped to the mic. We're just saying.



Cody Linley

Claim to fame: The youngest contestant ever, Linley, 16, plays Jake Ryan on "Hannah Montana."

Partner: Two-time champ Julianne Hough

Outlook: Don't all those Disney drones dance?



Susan Lucci

Claim to fame: Plays Erica Kane on "All My Children"

Partner: Tony Dovolani

Outlook: She doesn't have 18 seasons to win the "DWTS" Disco Ball trophy like she did the Daytime Emmy.



Misty May-Treanor

Claim to fame: Two-time Olympic gold medalist in beach volleyball

Partner: Maksim Chmerkovskiy

Outlook: She did a dance of joy when she and partner Kerri Walsh won gold in Beijing; has proven desire to be the best.



Ted McGinley

Claim to fame: Ted who?

Partner: Newcomer Inna Brayer

Outlook: Again, Ted who?



Jeffrey Ross

Claim to fame: Comedian known as "The Meanest Man in Comedy"

Partner: Edyta Sliwinska

Outlook: We're guessing viewers will be laughing at his dancing, which isn't a good thing.



Toni Braxton (above)

Claim to fame: Winner of six Grammy awards

Partner: Season 1 champ Alec Mazo

Outlook: The "Un-Break My Heart" singer could be this year's emotional favorite after rebounding from health problems.



Warren Sapp (above)

Claim to fame: Retired defensive tackle and Super Bowl champ

Partner: Kym Johnson

Outlook: As long as the football great doesn't sack—or eat—his partner, he just might have a shot.

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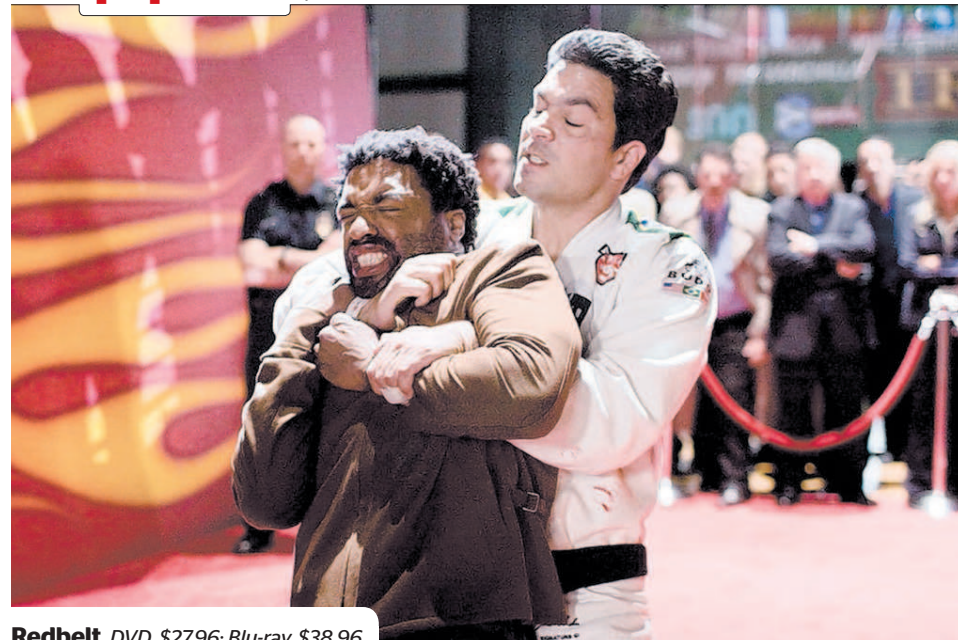
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More problems for Scrabulous creators

Associated Press
A popular Scrabble clone already pulled from Facebook in the U.S. and Canada continued its tumble as the online hangout extended its block of the game throughout the world.

Facebook said Monday it was forced to disable Scrabulous after one of Scrabble's rights owners, Mattel, made a formal removal request and the developers of Scrabulous took no action themselves.

The Scrabulous application remains available in India, where its developers live and where Mattel has filed a lawsuit claiming violations of intellectual property. Facebook isn't blocking Scrabulous there for now, considering the question of ownership still a matter for Indian courts to resolve.

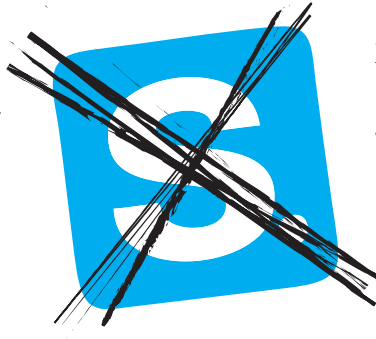
In deciding to block Scrabulous on Friday, Facebook risked antagonizing a community of software developers it has been trying to nurture and promote. But had it done nothing, it could have faced liability for copyright and trademark infringement.

The company initially skirted that quandary after Rajat and Jayant Agarwalla, the brothers who created Scrabulous, agreed to withdraw the program in the U.S. and Canada following a legal threat from Scrabble's North American owner, Hasbro.

Facebook had hoped for a similar resolution when Mattel, owner of Scrabble's rights elsewhere, sent a similar notice, but the Agarwalla brothers refused.

Jayant Agarwalla said he found Facebook's action "astonishing" given the site's "claims to be a fair and neutral party."

Hasbro and Mattel have been trying to promote an authorized version of Scrabble—made by Electronic Arts in the U.S. and Canada and by RealNetworks elsewhere.



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Study suggests gum disease may lead to heart disease

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The Washington Post

The way to a person's heart is through his stomach, the adage goes. But researchers now think the way to a healthy heart might be through your gums and teeth.

Evidence suggests that the healthier teeth are, the stronger and less disease-prone the heart is. If you don't floss or brush, you might be setting yourself up not just for gum disease but also for heart disease.

The link between what's happening in your mouth and in the rest of your body goes further still: Gum disease might be a kind of early warning system, with poor oral health linked to diabetes, kidney disease, preterm

labor, osteoporosis, Alzheimer's disease and even certain types of cancer.

"A lot of research studies are coming out that seem to suggest some possible link or associations" between oral infection and systemic disorders, says Sally Cram, a periodontist and consumer adviser for the American Dental Association.

There's a certain logic, of course, to the idea that your mouth—your body's key opening to the outside—would be a harbinger of bodily health. Yet the connection is one that many people, even medical professionals, often overlook.

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- » Floss daily (or use an inter-dental cleaner) to remove bacteria, plaque and food particles from between the teeth and under the gum line.
- » Go to a dentist regularly for oral exams and cleanings.
- » Eat a balanced diet; limit snacking, especially of sticky or high-sugar foods.

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treating mouth issues as merely "dental." Professionals echo this artificial dichotomy: Dentists and doctors don't really talk to each other; they don't attend the same conferences; they don't read the same journals.

But recent research indicating a link between their disciplines is attracting attention from both doctors and dentists. Several studies show a startling correlation between gum health and atherosclerosis, a condition underlying much heart disease: The worse a person's gum disease, the narrower that person's arteries due to a buildup of plaque. This holds even for young, healthy adults who have no other symptoms of heart disease.

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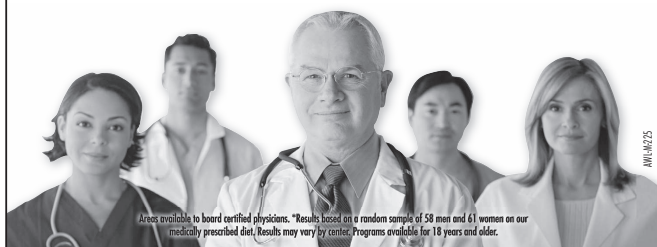
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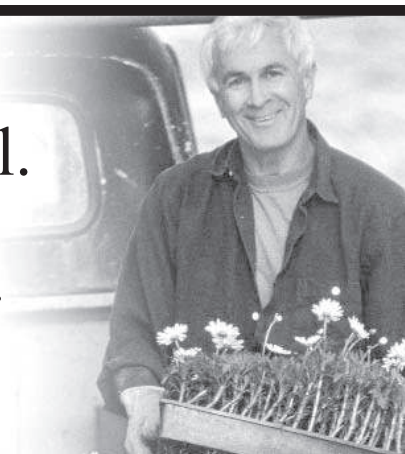
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The City of Naperville, Illinois, Human Resources Department, is investigating conversion to an automated applicant tracking software solution, a web-based Application Tracking System (ATS). Interested vendors are invited to submit informational pricing (or price ranges) estimates based on the Software Requirements Specifications document found on our web site: <http://www.naperville.il.us/ats.aspx>.

Information will be received at the City of Naperville, Human Resources Department Services Team Office, 400 S. Eagle Street, Naperville, Illinois 60540 until 5:00 p.m., local time, on September 12, 2008.

Check the City's web site (<http://www.naperville.il.us>) for this bid and others.



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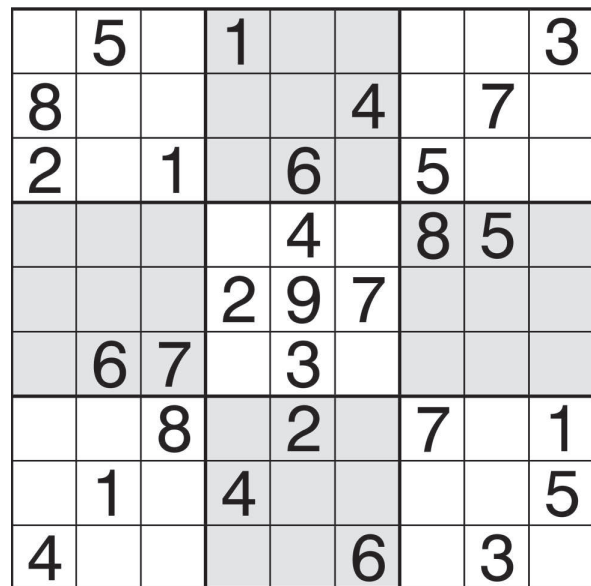
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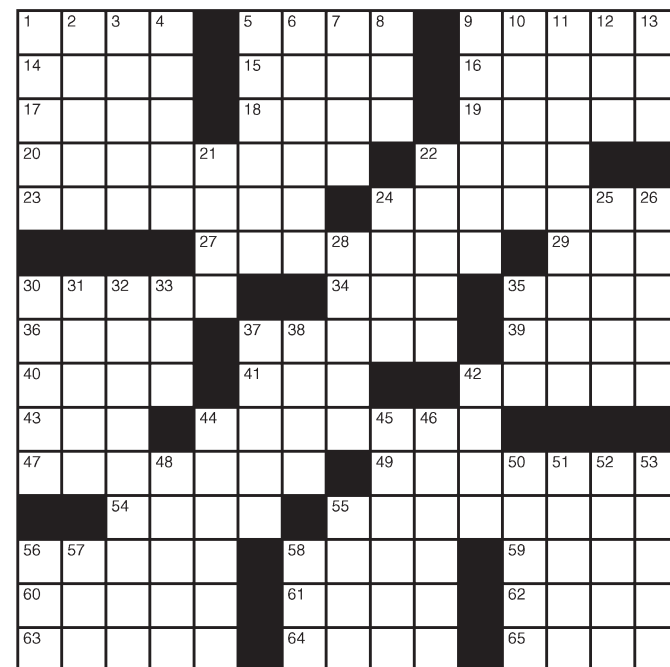
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Knight Rider

Premieres Sept. 24

*There once was a car that could talk
and a driver who walked the walk.
They might face great danger,
they might meet hot strangers.
And they better not hassle the Hoff.*



My Own Worst Enemy

Premieres Oct. 13

*Christian Slater is playing two dudes.
One's nice; the other starts feuds.
Fans are along for the ride.
Is this just Jekyll and Hyde?
It's adrenaline this show exudes.*



90210

Premieres Sept. 2

*If you live in the ZIP, you live by the code.
That's the show's motto, we're told.
Here's the thing, though,
with part of the first cast in tow,
When will the project implode?*



Kath & Kim

Premieres Oct. 9

*Molly Shannon and Selma Blair?
How did they land this comedy pair?
The show looks like a hoot,
is Australian-inspired to boot,
and highlights suburban despair.*



Worst Week

Premieres this fall

*It's like "Meet the Parents" repeatin'.
Two lovebirds and in-laws are meetin'.
Things of course go awry.
Girl's embarrassed by guy.
For comedy gold they're competin'.*



Poetry sham

Our inspired odes to buzz-worthy TV

On TV, he's the glib Chuck Bass of "Gossip Girl."

In real life, he's ... an amateur poet?

Ed Westwick, who also is connected to British band The Filthy Youth, told People magazine last week he's been working with words in his spare time.

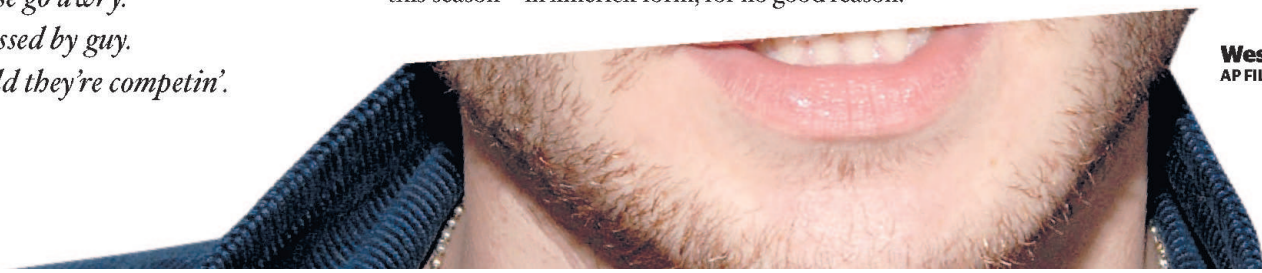
"I've been writing a lot of poetry recently," Westwick told the mag. "It helps me think and work things out."

The 21-year-old even shared a few of his lines, which he said he wrote "at like six in the morning."

After reading his untitled poem in its entirety on **people.com**, two things come to mind:

1. Fall TV is upon us. (Season 2 of "Gossip Girl" kicks off Monday.)
2. We need more poetry in our lives.

With that in mind, here is an (incredibly hokey) ode to five new shows on the boob tube this season—in limerick form, for no good reason.

Westwick
AP FILE

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Perry
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Kiss-kiss, bang-bang

Pop singer Katy Perry says she left the 2008 Warped Tour with a few souvenirs.

"I have bruises all over my legs. That's from wearing leggings," the "I Kissed a Girl" singer tells Rolling Stone about the traditionally male-dominated youth music tour.

"I'm like jumping off of the monitors and doing scissor kicks, or trying to keep up with these boys. It's funny," she said.

Cleared up

Diddy's rep confirms that an L.A. police officer drew his weapon during a weekend traffic stop of the rapper's entourage, but was professional and respectful. The rapper's rep says the deputy never pointed his gun at Diddy, according to The Associated Press. Diddy was traveling Saturday in a seven-car convoy when a deputy pulled over one of the vehicles, not Diddy's.

Lesser charges

Prosecutors say they won't charge Andy Dick with sexual battery stemming from his arrest last month, AP reports. The "NewsRadio" actor still is scheduled to face a judge later this week on misdemeanor drug possession and battery charges. A teenage girl accuses Dick of pulling down her top in July at a restaurant in California.

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Celebrity twin

Do you look like a celebrity? Show us! Send your pic along with the name of the celeb who shares your style to jxwalsh@tribune.com. For Tuesday, we have Les Deffner of Chicago. Think he's a ringer for actor Dean Cain? Text "twin" and the number of your opinion to **47383**. You'll get the poll results instantly.



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YOUR VERDICT
1. Dead on
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PASS Stiller

"Tropic Thunder," hanging in there at the box office



PASS

Jennifer Garner's "Alias" co-star Bradley Cooper: She'll have no problem with two kids

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Fourth judge on 'Idol'

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Heidi Montag's "Overdosin'" video

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VMA encore? not this year

Sounds like Britney Spears won't be making that VMA comeback after all.

Ryan Seacrest reported on his radio program Monday that Spears would not be performing at the show, despite rumors to the contrary.

"Britney Spears will not be performing at the VMAs this year. I'm telling you officially and unequivocally," Seacrest quoted her manager, Larry Rudolph, as saying, according to a clip on ryanseacrest.com.

He went on to say that Rudolph told him that Spears "is in the middle of recording her next album, which is going amazingly well, and was really never supposed to perform at that show."



Jameson

Celebrity baby makers

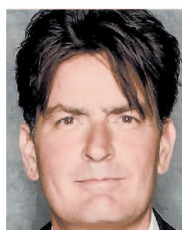
Porn star Jenna Jameson is going to be a mom.

"It's still early so I'm being cautious," the 34-year-old told usmagazine.com. "I'm resting as much as possible."

Jameson and Tito Ortiz, her boxer boyfriend of two years, have been trying for several months to have a baby, she said. But marriage is not in the plans.

"I think I'm gonna stay unmarried and just go for the babies," Jameson told Us. "I'm following in Angelina [Jolie]'s footsteps."

Meanwhile, Charlie Sheen is going to be a papa again. Sheen announced Monday that he and wife Brooke Mueller are expecting their first child—which is his fourth. Sheen has three daughters, two with ex-wife Denise Richards and one with former girlfriend Paula Profitt.



Sheen



Spears at
2007 VMAs
AP FILE

ABOUT \$2,500

The monthly amount that Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie—parents to six children—are entitled to in child benefits in France, where they're currently living, though it's unlikely the couple will cash in, according to people.com.



Schwartz

Gossip 'nightmare'

Is it a show creator's worst nightmare?

Josh Schwartz (left), who created CW talker "Gossip Girl," said he feels weird about the racy ads that promote his teen drama as "very bad for you" and

"mind-blowingly inappropriate."

Summer promotions for the upcoming second season played off criticisms that the show is too risqué.

"The network came up with that, and I just stand back. I don't want anything to do with it," Schwartz tells New York magazine. "It's like, What am I doing? It's bad. It feels bad. It's wrong. When you drive by a poster for your show and it says, 'Every parent's nightmare,' you have mixed feelings."

The 'Stars' come out

If she wants to win, Kim Kardashian will have to keep up with more than a few

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about the rest
of the "DWTS"
contestants on
pages 30-31**

people on her new reality TV endeavor.

The star of "Keeping Up with the Kardashians" is one of 13 newly announced contestants

participating in the new season of "Dancing with the Stars," premiering Sept. 22 on ABC.

Kardashian said she will be able to compete despite cutting her foot on a mirror Sunday night in New York City, according to The Associated Press.

"It looked like a murder scene with all the blood everywhere," Kardashian said in a call to "Good Morning America," the AP reported.

But fear not.

"I will be able to dance," she said. "I went to the hospital. I'll be fine."

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